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IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION DURING COURSE OF US/EC CONSULTATIONS,
COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON, RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY,
MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO AMBASSADOR TURNER:

A. GISCARD CONSIDERS OECD VERY IMPORTANT. HE HAS SPOKEN
DIRECTLY ABOUT THIS ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION IN THE
PRESENCE OF CHEYSSON. GISCARD DOES NOT CONSIDER ORGANIZATIONS
SUCH AS THE UNITED NATIONS WITH HEAVY "PRODUCTION" SCHEDULES
AND LARGE MEMBERSHIP VERY PRODUCTIVE. FRANCE FEELS VERY
STRONGLY THAT OECD IS THE BEST ORGANIZATION FOR RESOLUTION
OF ENERGY AND MANY OTHER ECONOMIC ISSUES.

B. CHEYSSON DOES NOT FEEL THAT IMF OR UNCTAD SHOULD BE
CENTRAL FOCUS OF DEVELOPMENT POLICY, ALTHOUGH THE LATTER
WOULD BE BETTER THAN THE FORMER. HE DOES NOT SEE WHY A NEW
VEHICLE PATTERNED ON THE C-20 IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PURPOSE
SINCE DAC IS THE LOGICAL INSTRUMENT FOR SUCH ACTIVITY.
ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY NOT FULLY FAMILIAR WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS
WITH C-20 FRAMEWORK, CHEYSSON POINTED OUT THAT SUCH A
GROUP WOULD NOT REPRESENT ALL THE PRINCIPAL PETROLEUM PRO-
DUCING COUNTRIES AND LDCS. THEREFORE, IF THE OBJECTIVE
WERE TO CREATE A NEW DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM, A C-20 TYPE
ARRANGEMENT IS NOT THE ANSWER. DAC COULD BE MODIFIED TO
PERMIT ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF PRO-
DUCING COUNTRIES. GREENWALD

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